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A NEW NAME FOR THE GENOTYPE OF *WALCHIA*
EWING (ACARINA: TROMBICULIDAE)

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Trombidium glabrum Dugès dates from January, 1834, *Annales des Sciences Naturelles*, Seconde Série, Zoologie, 1, pp. 39-40. The description validates the name, but it is not adequate for recognition of the mite according to current standards.

Trombidium glabrum Walch dates from 1927, *Geneeskundig Tijdschrift voor Nederlandsch-Indië*, 67, pp. 924, 926-927, 932; table I; figs. 4-6. It was made the type of *Walchia* Ewing by original designation (*Proc. U.S. Nat. Mus.*, 80, no. 2908, Art. 8, pp. 10-11). In mentioning the genotype, Ewing incorrectly referred its original description to the genus *Trombicula*, a combination not used by Walch.

Since *Trombidium glabrum* Walch is preoccupied, it is rejected as a homonym, and the writer hereby proposes for it

Trombidium ewingi nomen novum

The genus *Walchia* Ewing contains the following named species: *Walchia ewingi* nomen novum, genotype; of which *W. pingue* Gater, 1932, is a synonym, according to Womersley and Heaslip (1943); *W. enode* Gater, 1932; *lewthawaitei* Gater 1932; *W. rustica* (Gater, 1932); *W. turmalis* (Gater, 1932); *W. disparunguis* (Oudemans, 1929); *W. morobensis* Gunther, 1939; and *W. americana* Ewing, 1942.

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